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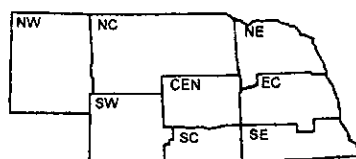
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## WEATHER

Temperatures in the Panhandle averaged four degrees above normals for the week, while the remainder of the State averaged six to nine degrees above normals. Precipitation amounts ranged from traces to over two and a half inches.

## GENERAL

Harvest slowed during the week as widespread rains made progress difficult in a number of areas, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. With additional rains falling over the weekend, several good days of drying weather will be needed before producers can again enter fields. However, the recent moisture has benefitted the States young wheat crop, allowing stands to become better established going into the winter months. Corn harvest was over 80% complete, with much of the acreage remaining for harvest located in the Southwest and northern third of Nebraska. Other producer activities included fall tillage and fertilizer application, fencing stalks, calf weaning and fall health programs for livestock, LDP requests, and livestock care.

## CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was 83% complete, 1 week ahead of 66% last year and average. Progress was over

## CROPS (cont.)

90% complete across the southeastern third of the State, while most Panhandle producers had not yet reached the half way point.

Soybean harvest was near completion at 92%, same as last year but behind 96% average.

Sorghum harvest progressed to 86%, ahead of 80% last year and 75% average.

The last alfalfa condition rating for the season showed the crop as 4% poor, 23% fair, 66% good and 7% excellent.

Winter Wheat condition showed improvement and rated 2% poor, 24% fair, 67% good and 7% excellent. Emergence at 99% was virtually complete, compared to 100% last year and average.

## LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions continued to show improvement and rated 2% very poor, 10% poor, 29% fair, 55% good, and 4% excellent. The mild fall conditions have been excellent for livestock. Livestock were being turned into stalk fields, calves were being weaned and fall health programs continued.

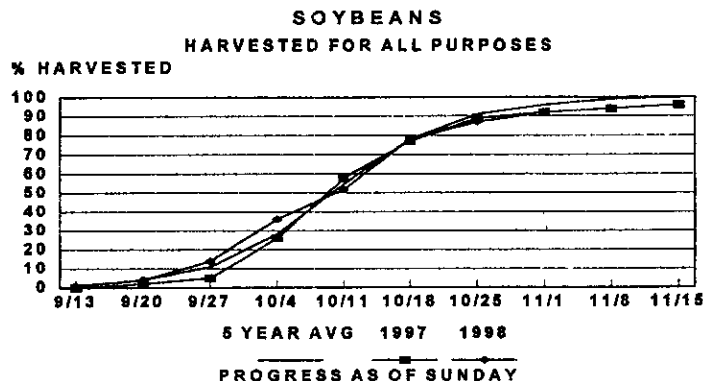
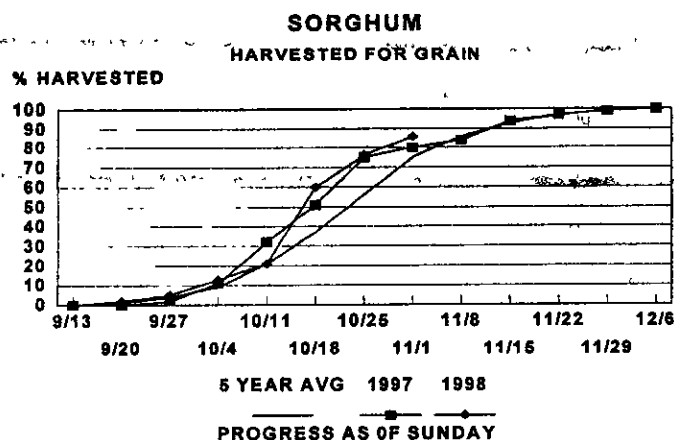
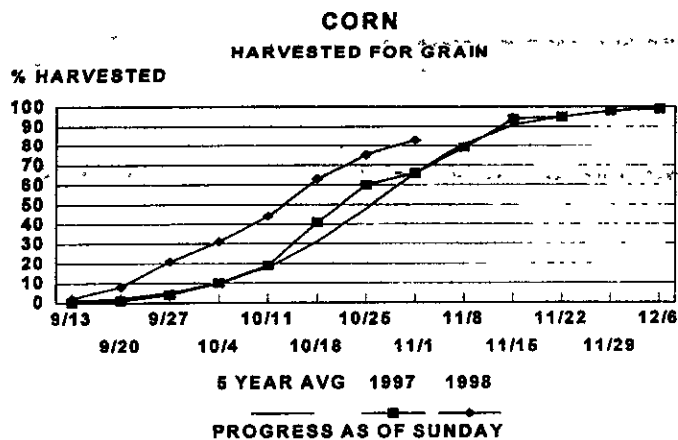
CROP PROGRESS AS OF November 1, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	45	72	74	86	91	67	92	92	83	75	66	66
% Soybeans Harvested	na	86	90	88	96	98	98	88	92	87	92	96
% Sorghum Harvested	na	68	80	85	82	93	75	90	86	76	80	75
% Wheat Emerged	100	100	100	93	96	100	97	96	99	96	100	100
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF October 30, 1998												
Days suitable	37	40	23	50	50	47	67	54	45	62	57	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	7	3	2	1	
(Percent) - Short	3	7	1	11	13	28	49	13	14	22	23	
- Adequate	97	93	95	86	84	64	41	80	81	76	73	
- Surplus	0	0	4	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	3	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	3	0	0	0	17	17	0	3	5	1	
(Percent) - Short	8	10	4	19	22	34	35	12	17	23	13	
- Adequate	92	81	94	81	77	49	48	88	79	72	84	
- Surplus	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	

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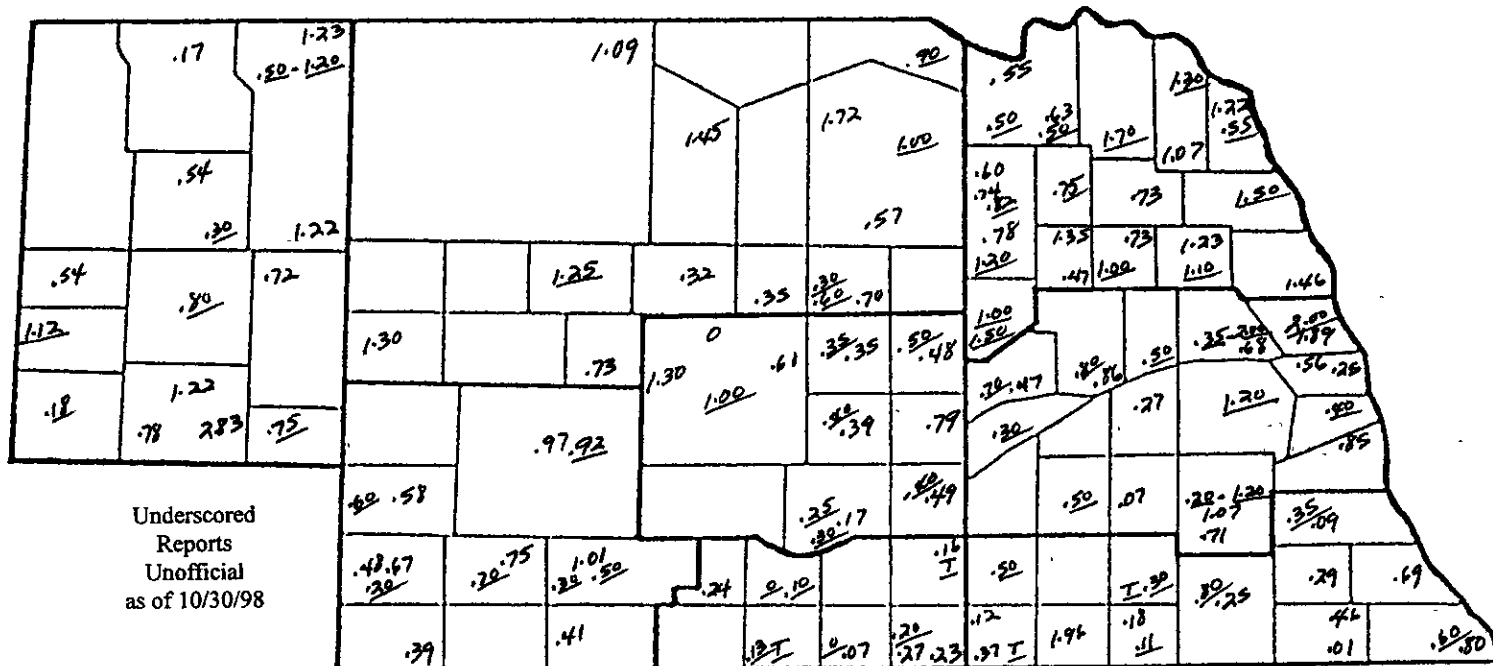
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1998



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1998

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	72	33	48	---	.17
	Scottsbluff	66	31	48	+4	.54
	Sidney	68	32	47	---	.78
NC	Valentine	77	32	49	+6	1.09
NE	Norfolk	73	39	54	+8	1.35
	Sioux City	74	38	54	+8	1.22
CEN	Grand Island	75	36	55	+8	.49
	Ord	73	32	54	---	.35
EC	Lincoln	77	40	57	+9	1.07
	Omaha	73	42	57	+9	.25
SW	Imperial	74	34	51	---	.67
	North Platte	75	30	50	+6	.97